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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM SENT ACTION AMEMBASSY BANGKOK DATED
MARCH 14 REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION:

QUOTE
UDORN 0064

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: CONDITIONS AT NONG KHAI DETENTION CENTER

REF: A) UDORN 0050 (B) UDORN 0035 (V) UDORN 0028

1. CONREP VISITED NONG KHAI PROVINCIAL DETENTION CENTER
MARCH 13 AND REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

2. DETENTION CENTER CURRENTLY HOUSES 1362 PERSONS,
CONSISTING OF 900 LAO, 420 HMONG AND 42 THAI DAM/THAI NEUNG.
NEW HMONG REFUGEES RECENTLY TRANSFERRED FROM PHON PHISAI
AND BUNG KAN DISTRICT JAILS ACCOUNT FOR INCREASE IN CENTER'S
POPULATION FROM MARCH 1 TOTAL OF 997 REPORTED REFTEL A.

3. IRC DOCTOR ASSIGNED TO NONG KHAI CAMP SAYS THAT PRESENT
STATE OF HEALTH OF DETENTION CENTER INHABITANTS IS NOT
TOO BAD CONSIDERING DISMAL CONDITIONS OF CENTER. DETAINEES
REQUIRING IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE ARE ADMITTED TO
REFUGEE CAMP HOSPITAL. REPRESENTATIVE OF US VOLAG CAMP
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SERVICES DISTRIBUTED 150 MOSQUITO NETS AND SLEEPING
MATS IN CENTER MARCH 13. SHOULD BE NOTED THAT EXTREME
CROWDEDNESS, LACK OF OVERHEAD COVER AND INADEQUATE
LATRINE FACILITIES CONTINUE TO POSE A SERIOUS HEALTH
HAZARD TO CENTER INHABITANTS.

4. A SEVERE THUNDERSTORM STRUCK NONG KHAI AREA EVENING

OF MARVH 14. WE DO NOT YET KNOW DETAILS OF ITS IMPACT
ON CENTER BUT IT LIKELY TURNED CENTER'S HALF ACRE
COMPOUND INTO QUAGMIRE.

. GIVEN FACT THAT MORE NEW HMONG REFUGEES, WHO APPEAR TO
BE LARGELY DESTITUTE, ARE LIKELY TO BE SENT TO DETENTION
CENTER IN COMING DAYS IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ALERT VOLAGS
IN BANGKOK INTERESTED IN ASSISTING THEM TO NEED FOR
MORE SUPPORT ITEMS. IN ADDITION TO MOSQUITO NETS
AND SLEEPING MATS, OTHER USEFUL ITEMS ARE COOKING UTENSILS,
SOAP, SANDALS, PLASTIC SHEETING, CLOTHES AND BASIC MEDICINAL
SUPPLIES. SIGNED FINNEY. UNQUOTE.
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